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SITUATION REPORT

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Event: Freedom Convoy/Bearhug 2.0

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INFORMATION

The information in this report is current to 2022-01-23 at 0830 hours.

- Open source research identified a Twitter post claiming that the Prime Minister had called GoFundMe and called commercial truck drivers terrorists.
- [REDACTED] (Church of God, Aylmer) may attend Parliament Hill on 2022-01-30 to lead a prayer at 1100 hours. [REDACTED] has consistently violated public health restrictions during the pandemic and is a major influencer in the movement to defy COVID-19-related public health restrictions.
- Organizers have indicated that they have support from some First Nations elders.
- Calls have been made for railway workers to join the Freedom Convoy.
- There are ongoing calls for supporters to attend highway overpasses as the convoy travels through Ontario.
- The GO FUND ME supporting the Freedom Convoys has raised just over \$2 million (2022-01-23 0807hours), an increase of approximately \$700,000 in 24 hours.
- A separate fundraiser ("ADOPT A TRUCKER") on the crowdfunding site "GiveSendGo.com" has raised \$12,911 (2022-01-23 0809 hours).
- A Facebook Event page for the Freedom Convoy event at Parliament Hill on 2022-01-29 indicates that 441 individuals are "Going" and 1100 are "Interested" (2022-01-23 0809 hours). These figures are approximately double those of 2022-01-22.
- Media reporting indicates that the CANADIAN TRUCK ALLIANCE disapproves of the Freedom Convoy.
- Canadian truck drivers will be barred from entering the United States at land borders without proof of vaccination as of 2022-01-22.

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ASSESSMENT

The available information regarding the size of the Freedom Convoy and the intentions of participants and supporters still includes many gaps.

While some organizers and supporters have stated that they intend to conduct the protest lawfully, the possibility that individual participants or supporters, or small groups of people, may engage in illegal actions cannot be precluded. Misinformation and disinformation online, such as the noted Tweet, could increase the potential for non-lawful activity that could pose a public safety hazard and a potential threat to public officials.

The increase in funds raised on the GoFundMe page over the past 24 hours (\$700,000) is significant, given that for most of the past week, the site raised on average slightly over \$100,000 daily. This suggests increasing support for the Freedom Convoy protest.

It is unknown whether, in fact, some First Nations may support the convoy, nor the extent or nature of any such support. Attempts should be made to confirm this information, as it may inform operational planning with regard to any potential law enforcement response to potential public safety threats that may arise from the protest.

However, media reporting indicates that most Canadians are strongly in favour of vaccine mandates. Organizers and participants in the Freedom Convoy risk turning public opinion against them if they create a disruption, or if they attempt to block access to either Ottawa or Parliament for an extended period of time, as some have stated they intend to do.

The stated intent by [REDACTED] to attend Parliament Hill on 2022-01-30 suggests that at least some of the convoy participants will remain in Ottawa on that date. It also suggests that there may be an organized schedule of events on that date.

TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- It is unclear if the closing of the convoy Facebook page is an attempt at insulation from law enforcement.
- All communication from national organizers will be delivered through Road Captains who are to establish communication networks within their own groups. FREEDOM CONVOY participants have been advised to download the "ZELLO" app, allowing for communications via cell phone mimicking two-way radio.
- Delivery of fuel through Federated Co-Op has been arranged for Regina and Winnipeg; refueling will occur roadside via slow-roll pit stop. Estimated costs are between \$170,000 and \$250,000 per refueling stop, paid directly from the Go Fund Me page.
- Organizers in Ottawa are referred to as the "War Room".

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- Port-a-potties, fencing, and security has been arranged for Ottawa.
- National organizer from Alberta will be travelling with a command post, media and security detail.
- Organizers have been liaising with law enforcement in Regina, Saskatchewan (RCMP); Winnipeg, Manitoba, and OPP in Ontario.
- One organizer has claimed that 1 million individuals and 10,000 trucks will attend Ottawa.
- One social media influencer alleges that 36,000 trucks will attend Ottawa.
- Convoys are to depart BC on 2022-01-22 and Alberta on 2022-01-23.

INTELLIGENCE GAPS (COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS)

- **Participant numbers - online indicators are unreliable;**
- Events possibly scheduled at Parliament Hill on 2022-01-30;
- Support for protest from First Nations: if confirmed, extent of this support;
- Potential for some participants to bring weapons or be armed;
- Lodging for participants in Sault Ste. Marie (2022-01-27);
- Lodging for participants in Kingston (2022-01-27; possibly 2022-01-28);
- Nature and location of evening event in Kingston (2022-01-27);
- Nature of activities in Ottawa by advance convoy participants (2022-01-28 - 2022-01-29);
- Nature and location(s) of "recon mission" in Ottawa by advance convoy participants;
- Date and location of delivery of port-a-potties and security fencing; location of installation of same;
- Lodging and meals in Ottawa if participants remain for a prolonged period of time;
- Plans for any further action should demands not be met;
- Plans for departing Ottawa.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Updated information is in green font.

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- Sarnia: The [REDACTED] has indicated a possible Freedom Convoy on Highway 402 (no details)
- **Kapuskasing: Freedom Convoy Solidarity Demonstration** – Kapuskasing Train Station (1200-1500 hours) in support of truck drivers. Participants attending in vehicles: organizers indicate plans to block one lane of traffic on the road in front of the train station and are expecting supporters from Cochrane, Timmins and Hearst. Number of participants unknown.

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- **Muskoka – Huntsville:** Freedom Convoy Slow Roll – Huntsville Place Mall (1200 hours) to Gravenhurst and back
- **Belleville: Freedom Convoy Solidarity Slow Roll, 10 Acres Truck Stop on Wallbridge (1100-1300 hours).**
 - Route start and finish are same location - route as follows:
 - South on Wallbridge-Loyalist Road,
 - East on Hwy 2 (Dundas),
 - North onto Pinnacle Street and onto North Front Street (by 1200 hours),
 - West onto Bell Blvd return to the 10 Acres Truck Stop.
 - At least one confirmed participant (organizer)
 - Travel at speeds 10 and 15km/hr
 - Organizer has contacted the Belleville Police Service.
 - The convoy will be in OPP jurisdiction travelling down Wallbridge Loyalist Road and then a portion of the west end of Bell Blvd.
- **Toronto – Freedom Convoy Solidarity Slow Roll – Jurassic Park at Scotiabank Arena (1130 hours).** This event coincides with other local actions and could affect traffic on the Lakeshore, Gardiner Expressway, Don Valley Parkway, and other main roadways in surrounding areas. The Toronto Police Service is engaged.
- **Alberta –** Unknown number of trucks in Alberta are expected to join the convoy.

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- No identified events in Ontario.

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